THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) Yes, Sir. ISRO is planning to launch the next PSLV by the first quarter of 2006.

(b) The next flight of PSLV, PSLV-C7 will carry two payloads, *viz.*, Cartosat-2 satellite weighing about 650 kg. and the Space Capsule Recovery Experiment (SRE) weighing about 600 kg. into a polar sun-synchronous orbit of 620 km.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Chandrayaan-I Spacecraft Configuration Design has been completed and Preliminary Design Reviews (PDR) have started. Deep Space Network (DSN) station location has been finalized and in PDR completed. Indian Science Instruments' Design and Development work has been initiated. MoU with European Space Agency (ESA) has been concluded for four piggyback payloads. These activities are progressing as per project schedule.

Divergence between poverty estimates

1256. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a 40 per cent divergence between the poverty estimates of the National Accounts Statistics and those of the National Sample Survey Organisations;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the 55th NSS round has changed its methodology giving rise to problems of comparability with earlier rounds; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) Poverty estimates are derived by the Planning Commission using the household consumer expenditure data collected by the National Sample Survey Organisation quinquennially. Poverty estimates are not prepared by using the National Accounts Statistics. Thus, the question of divergence in poverty estimation does not arise.

(b) Yes, there has been some changes in the methodology in the NSS 55th round.

(c) In the NSS 55th round information on household consumer expenditure was collected from each sample household by using two reference periods, namely, 'last seven days' and 'last thirty days' for the items of food, pan, tobacco and intoxicants. Information in respect of consumption of clothing, footwear, durable goods, education and medical (institutional) services was collected only for one reference period of 'last 365 days'. In the NSS 50th round, information from a sample household was collected for only one reference period *i.e.* 'last thirty days' for the items of food, pan, tobacco and intoxicants. But information in respect of consumption of clothing, footwear, durable goods, education and medical (institutional) services was collected for two different reference periods—last 30 days and last 365 days.

Construction of sports complex at Udupi

1257. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal for construction of sports complex at Udupi District of Karnataka is pending with Government;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when the final decision would be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) and (b) The Ministry had received a proposal for construction of sports complex at Udupi in Karnataka but the same could not be considered for assistance because the proposal was found to be deficient. Accordingly the State Government was informed.

(c) The Government had decided to transfer the sports infrastructure schemes to the State sector *w.e.f.* 1.4.2005 and accordingly no funds have been allocated in the budget for 2005-06 for sports infrastructure. As such, the sports infrastructure projects have to be funded by the State Government out of their own resources. All State Government have accordingly been informed on 28.2.2005.

Opening of Sports Academy

1258. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to open Sports Academy for training young sports persons in the country;